Non-Implementation of Reservation Policy for SCs/STs

806. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not implementing the Government policy of reservation for SC/ST candidates in the matter of confirmation of Junior Time Scale of ITS Grade "A" during the decade from 1st April, 1978 to 31st March, 1988;

(b) what is the enhanced seniority position of SC/ST candidates had the reservation been applied on year to year basis during these years; and

(c) what steps Government propose to compensate the SC/ST candidates who have suffered loss of seniority due to faulty confirmation and by when the proposed action would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) the Government policy of reservation for SC/ ST candidates was implemented.

(b) and (c) Question do not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Waiting List of Telephones in Rajasthan and Orissa

807 SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the waiting list for telephones as on 2nd February, 1994 in Jaipur (Rajasthan) Bhadrak and Bhubaneshwar (Orissa);

(b) by when these lists are likely to be cleared in each place;

(c) what is the total amount of deposits required to be made for new telephones in each place;

(d) the number of additional telephone exchanges including electronic, opened during 1993-94 as compared to 1992-93 in Rajasthan and Orissa district-wise; and

(e) in how many towns, State-wise, S.T.D. facilities have been provided, particularly in Jaipur, Bhadrak and Bhubaneshwar and S.T.D. connections given as on 1st January, 1994?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIOINS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (e) The information is being compiled and will be laid on the table of the House.

Report of Telecom. Commission

808. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the telecom. Commission has submitted its final recommendation on the functioning of Department of Telecom; if so what are the details thereof; if not, by when it is expected;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to form zonal corps to replace Department of Telecom; if so, what will be the status of such corporation; and

(c) what will be the fate of D.O.T. employees on deputation with M.T.N.L.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHR SUKH RAM): (a) to c) Certain proposals for reorganization of the Department of Telecom. including staff matters, based on the recommendations of the Athreya Committee have been considered by the Telecom. Commission and are now under consideration of the Government.

Malfunctioning to Telephones

809. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which